

detained there ever since the other two comp^s were ordered to return & watch the motions of the Enemy & to prevent their landing or plundering the Inhabitants, & I have the satisfaction of informing you that our militia have prevented the Enemy from landing or plundering if they intended it and that we have sustained no damage except the loss of a couple of boats, & the fleet have gone down the River again this day.

I rec'd a line yesterday evening from Capt Parnham informing that several of his men are sickly and desires that others may be sent to their relief, but that he is willing to stay as long as it may be necessary himself and he pressed me much to send him a small supply of cash as it is a shocking place to be at especially without mony and many of his company are very poor.

I must therefore request you will appoint some person to adjust the accounts of my Battalion and be pleased to send the cash for the payment of the Comp^s and the necessary expenses by M^r Henry Massey Hanson that I may be enabled to comply with the request of Cap^t Parnham and

For further particulars must
beg leave to refer y^o to
M^r Hanson.

I am very respectfully D^r Sir
Your obed^t Hble Serv^t
J. Hawkins

Original.

[Frederick Committee to Council.]

In committee of Lower District of Fred^k County July 26th 1776.
Gentlemen. Understanding that there is a vacancy for a Major in the Battalion for this County, we take the liberty to recommend Major Richard Crabb to you for that office.

We are convinced, as well of Major Crabb's attachment to the cause of America, as of his Economy, fortitude and manly resolution, and doubt not but his own Merit will fully justify the Appointment.

We are Gentlemen, Your Hble Serv^t
By order, Sam^l W. Magruder chairman

c. s. j.

Saturday 27 July 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.
Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to D^r Thomas Bourk twenty eight Pounds six Shillings and eight Pence, the Amount of his Account for medicine.

That the said Treasurer pay to David Russell thirteen Shillings & six Pence for casting.

That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to James Murray Esq^t Chairman of the Committee of Observation for